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APPOINTMENTS IN THE SUPPLY DEPARTMENT

50. Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) who is the appointing authority to the Supply Department;

(*b*) whether hands in other departments before being ordered to the Supply Department are reasonably enquired of as to their capacity and merits;

(*c*) whether the Departmental Heads or immediate superiors under whom the persons concerned were working previously are consulted before the hands are recruited to the Supply Department?

Mr. M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*:

(*a*) In the case of the appointments to the Superior Service, the Government on the recommendation of the Staff Selection Board is the appointing authority. In the case of inferior servants, the power of appointment rests with the Director of Food Supplies.

(*b*) Yes, as far as possible.

(*c*) Yes, as far as possible.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: May I know, Sir, whether two months back a certain hand has not been taken from the Office of the Diwan Peishkar to the Supply Department?

Mr. M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: No.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS—NULLIFICATION OF—BY THE DIRECTOR OF FOOD SUPPLIES

51. Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu)*: Will Government be pleased to state whether they are actually aware of the practice now existing of Government orders being nullified by the Director of Food Supplies by his oral and written instructions in his executive capacity in many instances?

Mr. M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: No.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu)*: May I know whether there was a Gazette notification empowering the Assistant Supply Officers to issue permits for the transport of paddy from taluk to taluk?

Mr. M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: Yes.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu)*: May I know further whether it was in fact permits were issued by the Supply Officers or the applications forwarded to the Director of Food Supplies, before they are issued?

Mr. M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: In the case of transport of rice, the Assistant Supply Officer was asked not to exercise that power except in urgent cases.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu)*: May I know, Sir, whether this was not communicated to the public in any manner?

Mr. M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: It was not.

RATION CARDS—CHECKING OF

52. Mr. K. Kunhirama Menon *(Cheruthuruthi)*: Will Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) if the ration cards have been thoroughly checked recently and by whom;

(*b*) if the checking staff have been authorised to increase or decrease the ration according to births or deaths as the case may be in each case concerned?

Mr. M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: (*a*) Yes; By the teachers of the Aided and Government Schools and Field Officers.

(*b*) The teachers were instructed to reduce the ration, if there was a reduction in the number of members. Instances in which an increased ration was found necessary were dealt with by the officers of this department on the reports made by the teachers.

Mr. K. Kunhirama Menon *(Cheruthuruthi)*: May I know the reason why the teachers were not instructed to increase the ration?

Mr. M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: As regards the increase of the ration, we thought a further enquiry is necessary. So, they were not authorised.

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Mr. M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: When there was necessity for the increase they were allowed to report to us.

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